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- 1. The Hungarian Army made great advances in development during the winter of 1953-1954. New high command stuffs were organized and many transfers and general staff appointments made.
- fhe a my corps command originally organized at Papa will soon be transferred to Szombathely on the Austro-Hungarian border, according to report. It will have en mand of the new motorized forces at present stationed in west Hungary. The Soviets was released a few of their barracks in Szombathely for this purpose and it is expected that by the summer of 1954 the Soviets will have evacuated more of their quarters there. Various informants agree that the Soviet gament in Szombathely is smaller now than it was last year 1953.
- 3. Something of a sensation has been caused by the report that a First Motorized Mechanized Army Command is being organized in Budapest. Report says the staff already exists. This army command will comprise two corps, as follows:

The XI Mechanized Army Corps, with headquarters in Budapest, consisting of the 7th Motorized Mechanized Division at Esztergom, and the 18th Armored Division at Gyöngyös.

The II Motozskied Mechanized Army Corps, with headquarters at Abasár, consisting of the 4th Motorized Infantry Division at Myiregyháza, and the 6th Motorized Infantry Division at Szolnok. The command will also include an artillery division or brigade at Cegléd.

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- 4. Establishment of a corps headquarters at Abasar is something new. This place is 5 or 6 kilometers northeast of the town of Gyöngyös. It is reported that the corps headquarters are in a former aristogrates confiscated castle.
- 5. The artillery division or brigade at Cegléd is said to be equipped only with self-propelled guns and is referred to by the troops as "assault and break-through artillery," which is a new term. The formations of this unit are reported to have been trained in the neighborhood by a Soviet armored division.
- 6. According to further reports, there are Hungarian division or brigade commands in the following localities at the present time:

Esztergom, a motorized mechanized division dyöngyös, an armored division magykanizsa, an infantry division Tab, an infantry division Pápa, an infantry division Meszthely, an infantry division Meszthely, an infantry division Mercali, an infantry division Mercali, an infantry division Debrecen, an infantry division Myiregyháza, an infantry division Myiregyháza, an infantry division Miskole, an artillery division or brigade Cegléd, an artillery division or brigade Komárom, an artillery division or brigade Szeged, an artillery division or brigade

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